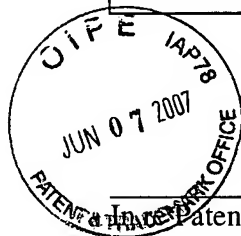


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including June 7, 2007 to respond to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2006.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Our check in the amount of \$760.00 covering the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) and 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper

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